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Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/676,036		THIOT ET AL.	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Tim Phan		3729	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-22 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23,25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 - 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 11/09/05 has been fully considered and made of record.
2. The rejection of claims 11-22 and 24 which were rejected in Office Action mailed on 5/10/05 under 35 USC 103; these claims are rejected under 35 USC 103 herein for substantially the same reasons as provided in the previous Office Action which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 23 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicants' arguments filed 11/09/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the following reasons:

Applicants cite *inter alia* that Hiroshi et al do not teach nor suggest the step of “*inserting a ripple string into the slot.*” (Remarks, page 13/14, 2nd paragraph; Claim 1 3rd line). The examiner’s position, as stated in the previous action, continues to be that since Hiroshi et al do, in deed, teach the insertion of ripple spring (Fig. 8, 9) into the slot.

Applicants’ assertions that the insertion of the elastic member of Hiroshi et al would result in no space remaining between the slot wall and the coil for the insertion of the nozzle referred by Lonseth et al (Remarks, page 13/14, 2nd paragraph) were traversed, since the examiner urges that Hiroshi et al teach the insertion of spring sheets (Fig. 8, 9) into the bar slot (Fig. 8, 3) with an embodiment as motivation to fill the slot with metal and resin materials (Fig. 4, 14) for strength and heat conductivity. Therefore, it would be obvious to apply the resin by the nozzle, as taught by Lonseth et al, to the slot where the metallic springs are sparsely inserted, in order to create a buffer of metallic strength and heat conductivity between the bar and the core. In response to applicants' argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references (Remarks, page 13/14, 3rd paragraph), the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, the AAPA teaches a process of mounting armature bars in the stator core, while Hiroshi et al and Lonseth et al teach a process of filling the slot between the bars and the motor core. All three references are of analogous art, therefore their

obviousness rejection are proper in the combination.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicants are reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-4568. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 9AM - 5PM.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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